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SENATE DEMS ECHO GOVERNOR'S CALL TO FIGHT OUTSOURCING
Website Highlights Plan to Protect Michigan Jobs and Workers

LANSING - Following the unveiling yesterday of the new Michigan Democratic Party ad that emphasizes Governor Granholm's efforts to fight outsourcing, Senate Democrats today highlighted their own anti-outsourcing website. The site, www.dontoutsourcemi.com, features information on legislation to hold companies that outsource Michigan jobs accountable, a section encouraging citizens to submit personal stories about how outsourcing has affected their lives, and a system to email legislative offices to ask for support.

"Far too many Michigan residents have been victims of outsourcing," said Sen. Mark Schauer (D-Battle Creek). "Democrats have a plan to keep and attract jobs here in Michigan, and this website will give everyone in Michigan a chance to get engaged in this effort."

Lawmakers at all levels of government have expressed the need for more effective strategies to combat outsourcing. As the MDP ad points out, President Bush has been missing in action on the fight against unfair trade policies and the outsourcing crisis. He has repeatedly put off talks with leaders of Michigan's auto-industry and even the "Manufacturing Czar" Bush appointed has been completely ineffective according to the Michigan Congressional delegation, as reported in the Detroit News last month.

Michigan Senate Democrats recently introduced a series of legislative packages to help the state cope with the crisis that globalization has caused for Michigan's economy. The legislation has three main components: helping workers deal with the results of outsourcing, increasing corporate accountability as it relates to tax breaks and job creation, and calling on the federal government to address the unfair trade agreements that promote the out-migration of Michigan jobs.

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